

North Figueroa Association Board Meeting
Tue Feb 16, 2016 • 10 am, Future Studio

10:01 called to order

Board members in attendance: Tom Wilson, Alex Rudisky, Stuart Rapeport, Amy Inouye, Gina Alza, Titina Folliero, Ruben Herrera, John Harb, Richard Calderon

(other attendees, see sign in sheet)

Public Comments

Andrew Barrera: Highland Park Chamber of Commerce being revitalized; open to new board members; would like to do joint programming w/ NFA to help promote businesses and w/ business assistance (trainings, loans, bus. plans, etc)

Wayne Turner: BKR Gang & Drug Intervention Program; 25-yr resident of HP; offers counseling services; running for pres. of HHPNC; needs office space

Jessie Rosas: Ave 55 near Rent-a-Center needs attention--homeless issues, security, and maintenance (Rick will look into cleaning; Sean will alert security)

Madhu Bansal: concerned about fairness of NFA elections

Ruben Herrera: thinks more meetings and more public comment needed

Closed board meeting called at 10:17

Jan. minutes unanimously accepted

CD1: passed out new 1Voice publication about CD1; Vin Scully Ave.

announced; Big Belly pilot program in place now; don't forget Fig Jam March 19

Sean, GSS: GSS officers instructed to make more public contact; if problems, call GSS 800# first, if you get voicemail, call Sean; for emergencies call 911; NFA security committee to work on issues. If you have something to consider, email Tom Majich and John Harb

Rick, Chrysalis: checked on problems from Jan mtg; monitoring Big Bellys for issues—some have already been vandalized and spray painted; some businesses dumping next to Big Bellys, NFA will write a form letter to inform them they shouldn't be doing this; Fallas Paredes (Rent-a-Center) maintenance is up to them

Mark Allen, LAPD: stolen vehicles and robberies continuing; be mindful of surroundings, esp at night; footbeat officer hours being cut back to 2 officer, 4 days

Eugene Van Cise, City Clerk's office: city has certified NFA board elections; please be courteous and professional at meetings; there are many good things NFA has accomplished; NFA has the highest potential of all city BIDs, we should appreciate the positive as we strive to improve

Committees:

Bylaws: 12 areas of concern (incl election procedures, board authority, notification processes, weighted vote explanation, modernizing processes); language being drafted

Security: cmte to meet

Holiday lighting: no updates; need to discuss w/ city; what is budget

Emergency preparedness: Amy & Titina attending Map Your Neighborhood seminar, need to have a mtg

Should we establish a maintenance cmte?

Misty:

Overview of Fig Jam, Sat March 19, 10am to 8pm—sidewalk vending permit secured, businesses can have tables on sidewalk; we will move LANI-grant pressure-washing to just after Fig Jam because there will be wheat-pasted paper on sidewalks; businesses can give paint to Chrysalis to match building for graffiti paint-out

Budget: 2015 overview; farmers market vendors pay 8% of sales, EBT at farmers market has no fees; non-assessed funds—NFA is fiscal receiver for historic lighting project, repaint Chicken Boy project

Expenses: maintenance is over budget, security is underbudget, farmers market is almost at break even

NFA is audited yearly by CPA; Joy requests monthly P&L statement and suggests establishing a finance subcommittee; NFA 2017 budget needs to be submitted to city in April

Meeting adjourned 11:28am

Next meeting: 10am Tue March 15, 2016